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## *Mayor Healy to Honor Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson*

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and city officials will lay a wreath at the monument erected in honor of the **Major League Baseball Hall of Famer, Jackie Robinson** at **11:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013** at **Kennedy Boulevard** in **Journal Square, Jersey City**.

“In honoring Jackie Robinson I hope the residents of Jersey City will be reminded of the footprint left here in Jersey City,” said **Mayor Healy**. “From the moment he first stepped on to the field at Roosevelt Stadium, he made history, and I am proud to have that moment in time forever marked in the city I call my home.”

**Jackie Robinson**, recognized as the man who broke the color barrier, not only in the minor leagues, but the major leagues as well, will be honored for his groundbreaking role in the sport of baseball. A wreath will be laid on the statue of **Jackie Robinson** that proudly stands tall over Kennedy Boulevard by **Mayor Healy** in recognition of his accomplishments and his important role during the civil rights movement.

On October 23, 1945, **Jackie Robinson** was signed to the Brooklyn Dodgers International League Farm Club, the *Montreal Royals*. During an era of racial turmoil, Robinson and his team members were unable to play together in several cities. On April 18, 1946, the Montreal Royals played their first Minor League game of the season together against the Jersey City Giants at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City. This was the first ever Minor League club game to break the color barrier, as well as **Jackie Robinson's** debut in professional baseball.

A year later, on April 15, 1947, **Jackie Robinson** went on to break the color barrier in Major League Baseball while playing with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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